

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5, 7-20, 22-25, 35, 37-41, 46 and 48 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or render obvious a transmission system comprising first and second rotatable shafts, said first shaft having a longitudinal axis, and means for transferring drive from one of the shafts to the other shaft comprising first and second gear wheels each rotatably mounted on the first shaft and having drive formations formed thereon, a selector assembly for selectively transmitting torque between the first shaft and the first gear wheel and between the first shaft and the second gear wheel, wherein the selector assembly comprises an actuator assembly and first and second sets of engagement members, each engagement member includes a first engagement face for engaging the first gear wheel, and a second engagement face for engaging the second gear wheel, and the prior art particularly fails to disclose a body that is substantially rigid such that the first and second engagement faces are arranged in a fixed relationship to one another.

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Conclusion

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